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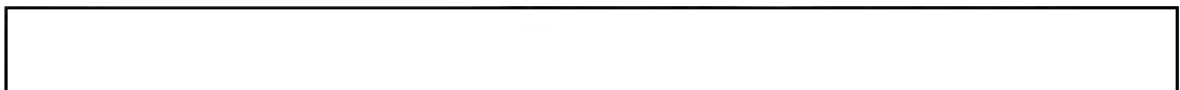
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### DAILY BRIEF

#### I. THE COMMUNIST BLOC

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South Vietnam: Communist guerrillas in South Vietnam reportedly have been ordered to intensify their terrorist and sabotage activities in connection with the 15th anniversary on 23 September of the anti-French resistance movement in Indochina. The prime target is said to be Saigon, although stepped-up attacks on military posts and patrols in the countryside are also planned. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
Communist groups may attempt to plant explosives in places frequented by Americans, and has advised against any night driving in Saigon from 21 to 24 September. [REDACTED]

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LATE ITEMS

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(\*)Laos: The Pathet Lao high command has ordered its units to stop fighting in those provinces--including Sam Neua--which are "under the control of the government of Souvanna Phouma." In choosing to consider Sam Neua loyal to Souvanna despite indications that military commanders there are loyal to General Phoumi, the Pathet Lao leadership may have been motivated by concern that additional military pressure at this time might serve to reunify the badly divided Lao army. The order calling for a cease fire left numerous loopholes in case the Pathet Lao should decide to resume the offensive in Sam Neua. The insurgents' propaganda activities in the province will be facilitated by the withdrawal of army troops from outlying posts to form a small defense perimeter around Sam Neua town. Premier Souvanna's cancellation of a planned cabinet meeting in Luang Prabang with the king on 19 September may have been influenced by an announcement over Phoumi's Radio Savannakhet that its "liberating forces" were launching an assault on Vientiane. [redacted] an attack by one of Phoumi's units is imminent. [redacted]

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Possible Communist Violence in Saigon

Communist guerrilla units in South Vietnam have reportedly been ordered to intensify terrorism and sabotage in connection with the 15th anniversary on 23 September of the beginning of armed resistance against French colonial rule. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] the primary focus of such activity will be in Saigon, although the Communists are also expected to step up attacks against military posts and patrols of regular Vietnamese army troops as well as civil guard and self-defense forces in the countryside.

Special action groups are believed to have been infiltrated into the capital with the aim of committing acts of sabotage against key installations, including Tan Son Nhut airport, gasoline depots, and bridges. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] attempts may be made to plant explosives in places frequented by Americans and has advised against night driving in Saigon during the period 21-24 September.

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The upsurge of Communist guerrilla activity during the past nine months has affected provinces in the Mekong delta area south and west of Saigon and main routes leading from Saigon, but the capital city itself has previously been considered secure. There has been renewed emphasis by the Communist regime in North Vietnam on the "struggle against the US-Diem clique" in the South, and plans to create incidents in Saigon may be partly intended to stir up further discontent among non-Communist opponents of the Diem administration in Saigon. [REDACTED]

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